



FLOODING UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY

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DUVALL, WA – The current weather statement issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([NOAA](#)) includes prolonged periods of heavy rain in the lowlands and Cascades. Flood Stages have been reached on the Snoqualmie and are also forecast for the Tolt River. At this time we expect [flooding](#) to reach the “Major” stage on the Snoqualmie River.

The City uses observed and historical river gauge elevation data and flow volumes to help us estimate road closures related to these types of flooding events. The volume of flow in the river and elevations projected by NOAA lead us to believe that there is a high probability that Duvall could become an “island” and could stay so that way for 24-48 hours. We currently anticipate impacts to local roads including closures in the following sequence:

- NE 124th Street
 - Between SR203 and West Snoqualmie Valley Road to **close** around 01:00 am December 9th (early Wednesday morning) **Confidence level is EXTREMELY HIGH**
- SR203 south of Duvall.
 - Historically this road may close 6-12 hours after the NE 124th Street closure at locations between Fall City and Duvall (approximately noon on Wednesday December 9th). Flooding will also impact Tolt Hill Road and the Carnation Farm Road. **Confidence level is HIGH**
- SR203 north of Duvall.
 - Historically this road closes approximately 12 hours after the NE 124th Street closure (mid-day Wednesday December 9th). **Confidence level is HIGH**
- Woodinville-Duvall Road (aka WD)
 - Historically this road closes at peak flow 6 to 12 hours after the NE 124th Street closure. Based on the projected hydrograph and flow volumes we estimate road closure **could occur** around mid-day Wednesday December 9th. This is normally the last road to close however it closed prior to SR-203 north in 2009. **Confidence level is MODERATE**

While based on the best information currently available, these estimates can change quickly and will be updated as necessary. City staff has been in contact with the Duvall Police and King County Fire District 45 to make sure staffing levels are adequate for the needs of the community.

Be alert for rapid changes and monitor developments by listening to NOAA Weather radio and other local media. Also, consider working from home if possible, or making whatever arrangements are necessary if these events do occur.

The City will do its best to update our Facebook page and website with updates late Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning. Please; do not drive cars...vans...or trucks through flooded areas...this is the cause of most flood related deaths in Washington. Be SAFE and if a road is flooded, TURN AROUND.



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King County Road Closures: <http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/roads/road-closures.aspx>
Flooding and Closure information: <http://d.jimgale.net/>

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Figure 1 – Hydrograph issued by NOAA understand forecast river volumes

